Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi to provide quality medical car to the Insured persons at State level itself.

**EPFO offices**

†232. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) offices in the country;

(b) whether EPFOs offices have been given the status of industry; and

(c) the status of demand for a sub-regional office of this organisation in Keonjhar in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The details of offices of Employees Provident Fund Organisation are given below:

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| Regional Offices | : | 32 |
| Sub-Regional Offices | : | 79 |
| Service Centres | : | 18 |
| Inspectorate Offices | : | 139 |

(b) Even though the Industrial Disputes Act is applicable to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation but as per Section 5D (7) of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 method of recruitment, salary and allowances, discipline and other conditions of service of the officers and employees of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation are in accordance with the rules and orders applicable to the officers and employees of the Central Government drawing corresponding scales of pay. Since the service conditions of the employees of the Central Board of Trustees (EPF) are the same as the service conditions applicable to the officers/employees of the Central Government the provisions of Central Civil Services (Recognitions of Service Association) Rules have

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been adopted by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation for its employees. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3796 (NL) of 1984 has also ruled that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation is not an Industrial establishment.

(c) The proposal for opening of a Sub-Regional Office at Keonjhar, Orissa has been approved.

**Provident Funds deposited by public school managements**

†233. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Provident Funds are being deposited by public school managers of the country, particularly of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or being taken by Government against the management of these public schools who are not depositing Provident Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) All establishments including public schools covered under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 are required to comply with the provisions of the Act. Compliance of covered establishments is monitored regularly by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation for detection of default.

In Delhi 26 public schools have defaulted in the remittance of Provident Fund dues as per details given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Action against the defaulting establishments is taken in accordance with the provisions of the Act by Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

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